(c) No, Sir.

(d) During 1987-88, Air India have not retired any air-hostess from the service on account of superannuation medical examination after the age of 35 years.

Termination of the London based European Air Hostesses

3189. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India management has recently terminated the services of six London based European air-hostesses;

(b) if so, the details of these air hostesses and the reasons for the termination of their services;

(c) whether it is a fact that these air hostesses refused to appear for superannuation medical examination prior to the termination of their services; and

(d) if so, the details of the terms of their termination of services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (d) Six London based European Air Hostesses of Air India offered to be declared redundant on voluntary basis and accordingly they were declared redundant. They had refused to appear for superannuation medical examination. The names of these air hostesses and the amount paid to them is as under:

Ms A Plocco	—	£ 19,106 36
Ms E Schreiner	—	£ 18,483 24
Ms E Walker	—	£ 17,222.33
Ms N Patel	—	£ 17,314.31
Ms V Perstle	—	£ 16,966.30
Ms A Charrondier	—	£ 13,994.95

Disappearance of bundles of newspaper from Madras Railway Parcel Office

3190. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints dated 30th July, 1988, 18th August, 1988 and 3rd November, 1988 have been received by the Chief Commercial Superintendent (Claims), Madras from District Committee, Communist Party of India (Marxist), Madras about disappearance of bundles of Party's Weekly Paper, Peoples' Democracy from Madras Railway Parcel Office, Madras Central;

(b) if so, the nature of action taken by the authorities to trace the bundles; and

(c) the steps taken against those responsible for disappearance of the parcel packets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action was taken immediately to trace the consignments over the concerned Zonal Railways. On receipt of confirmation about loss of these parcels in transit, compensation has been paid.

(c) Staff held responsible for the loss are being taken up.

Superannuation examination of air hostesses

3191. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of air hostesses in Indian Airlines and Air India who appeared for superannuation medical examination during the last five years;

(b) what is the number of air hostesses whose services were discontinued after the medical examination;

(c) what are the reasons for non-continuation of their service, if any; and

(d) what are the reasons for commencing the superannuation medical examination after completion of 34 years of age in case of female employees only?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) During the period 1984 to 1988, 73 airhosteeses of Indian Airlines and 464 airhostesses of Air India appeared for medical examination on attaining the age of 35 years. The services of none of the airhostesses were discontinued after medical examination.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In accordance with the Regulations of Indian Airlines and Air India, Airhostesses retire on attaining the age of 35 years. The competent authority may, however, extend the services of Airhostesses beyond the age of 35 years by a year at a time subject to the condition that the person concerned is medically fit.

Expenditure on Education

3192. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of money was spent on education in the entire country during 1987-88 by the Central Government as well as the State Governments;

(b) what were the percentage of expenditure on Primary Education, Secondary Education, Higher Education and Technical Education, respectively; and

(c) what steps have been cotemplated to improve Primary Education in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) An amount of Rs. 9693.71 crores was spent on Education in the entire country during 1987-88 by the Central Government as well as State Governments.

(b) The percentages of expenditure on Primary Education, Secondary Education, Higher Education and Technical Education were 43.94, 31, 39; 13.52 and 5.16 respectively.

(c) NPE 1986 gives priority to Primary Education with a view to achieving the goal of universalisation of Elementary Education. The scheme of Operation Blackboard is being implemented in various States|UTs in a phased manner with a view to improve primary school education. The drive is phased to cover 20 per cent Community Development Blocks Municipal areas in 1987-88, 30 per cent in 1988-89 and 50 per cent in 1989-90. The expanded and reorganised scheme of Non-Formal Education is in operation for those children who have either dropped out of school or cannot attend the formal school Teachers Training Institutes are being upgraded through the scheme of opening DIETs|CTE|IASE.

Use of the broad-gauge siding at Hissar by Haryana Tube Manufacturing Company

3193. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GODWA: Will the Miinster of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M|s Haryana Tube Manufacturing Company Pvt. Limited, Hissar has been granted permission for use of Broad Gauge Assisted siding at Hissar belonging to Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) without obtaining a 'no objection certificate' from BBMB though the permission was refused